



## **TOWN OF BEDFORD**

### **Notification of Complete Closure of Town Offices and Partial or Complete Closure of Town Parks**

It is apparent that the spread of COVID-19 now is occurring at an exponential rate. There now are two Bedford residents who have tested positive. It is a near certainty that others have contracted the virus and would test positive, but do not at present exhibit the symptoms. It is also apparent that further steps must be taken to protect public health. We need to exercise the greatest caution possible to ensure that social distancing is practiced by minimizing where people gather and to prevent inadvertently risking the spread of the virus.

#### **As a result, please be advised:**

1. Applying the emergency declaration which I issued on Friday, I partially closed Town offices, but now I will fully close them effective immediately.
2. All non-essential personnel, as determined by each department head, are asked to stay at home and to the extent it is possible for them to carry out their work remotely, to do so.
3. All or a portion of the facilities of our hamlet parks and dog park will be closed. We are exploring whether any of the facilities, such as trails, may be kept open while still meeting the objective and can be carried out operationally. I will advise the community of our decision as soon as possible.
4. All meetings through March 30, 2020 are hereby cancelled except those that are essential to the essential operations of the Town. I expect this only will be the Town Board – I have made arrangements to conduct the meeting by videoconference, with the exception of the Town Clerk, the Town attorney and me and we will maintain a distance from one another.
5. I am arranging for the deep cleansing and disinfection of all facilities which house essential town operations.
6. I will be coordinating with our fire agencies and Katonah-Bedford Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

There will be many questions and concerns about the above. I ask for your assistance and support in doing what we can to protect our community.

Chris Burdick  
Supervisor  
March 15, 2020